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FOR CARTER--SECRETARY'S PARTY--FROM PA

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1. HERewith FULL TEXT HAL PIPER COLUMN BALt. SUN.  
TUESDAY MAY 17 HEADED "EDITORIAL IN SOVIET WARNS ABOUT  
U.S. CRUISE MISSILES.,

2. MOSCOW--THE CRUISE MISSILE IS NOT AN AMERICAN  
MONOPOLY AND, UNLESS IT IS CONTROLLED, A FOURTH MAJOR  
STRATEGIC WEAPONS SYSTEM WILL BE ADDED TO THE ARMS  
RACE, AN INFLUENTIAL SOVEIT WEEKLY MAGAZINE WARNED  
YESTERDAY--ON THE EVE OF THE VANCE-GROMYKO ARMS TALKS  
IN GENEVA.

3. "A REASONABLE AGREEMENT IS POSSIBLE," NEW TIMES  
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SAID IN AN EDITORIAL, "BUT NOT AT THE EXPENSE OF  
(SOVIET) SECURITY."

4. IN NEGOTIATIONS IN MARCH BETWEEN CYRUS R. VANCE,  
THE SECRETARY OF STATE, AND ANDREI A. GROMYKO, THE  
SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER, TWO PROPOSALS THE UNITED  
STATES ADVANCED WERE REJECTED BY THE SOVIET SIDE AS

INEQUITABLE.

5. THE REJECTION WAS BASED IN PART ON MOSCOW'S FEARS THAT THE PROPOSALS CONTAINED INSUFFICIENT CONTROLS ON THE CRUISE MISSILE, A FLYING BOMB UNDER ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT IN THE U.S. BUT NOT IN THE SOVIET UNION.

6. NEW TIMES DID NOT CLAIM THAT THE SOVIET UNION NOW HAS A SIMILAR WEAPON, BUT IT ACCUSED THE U.S. OF USING THE CRUISE MISSILE AS "A TRUMP IN THE 'BARGAINING'" AND WARNED THAT THE MISSILE WAS "NOT A MONOPOLY PRODUCT OF THE U.S.A."

7. UNCONTROLLED, THE MAGAZINE SUGGESTED, THE CRUISE MISSILE COULD BECOME A "NEW, FOURTH (AFTER INTERCONTINENTAL BALLISTIC ROCKETS, SUBMARINE-LAUNCHED BALLISTIC MISSILES AND HEAVY BOMBERS) CHANNEL FOR THE STRATEGIC-ARMS RACE."

8. THE ELEVATION OF CRUISE MISSILES TO PARALLEL STATUS WITH THESE OTHER WEAPONS UNDERLINED THE IMPORTANCE MOSCOW ATTACHES TO THE CRUISE ISSUE.

9. IT MAY ALSO SIGNIFY A STEP TOWARD ACCEPTANCE OF THE AMERICAN VIEWPOINT THAT THE CRUISE MISSILE IS SEPARATELY NEGOTIABLE, BECAUSE, NOT BEING A BALLISTIC MISSILE, IT IS NOT COVERED BY THE VLADIVOSTOK CEILINGS FOR STRATEGIC WEAPONS AGREED UPON IN 1974.

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10. THE VLADIVOSTOK CEILINGS WERE INTENDED TO PROVIDE THE OUTLINE OF A SUBSEQUENT STRATEGIC-ARMS TREATY. THEY WOULD LIMIT THE U.S. AND THE SOVIET UNION TO 2,400 LAUNCHERS FOR NUCLEAR WARHEADS, OF WHICH 1,320 COULD BE ADAPTED TO DELIVER MULTIPLE WARHEADS.

11. THE LIMITS HAVE NEVER BEEN FORMULATED INTO A TREATY BECAUSE OF DISAGREEMENT OVER WHETHER THE CRUISE MISSILE AND THE SOVIET BACKFIRE BOMBER SHOULD COUNT UNDER THE CEILING.

12. MR. VANCE AND MR. GROMYKO ARE TO MEET IN GENEVA TOMORROW. THE SECRETARY OF STATE HAS SAID HE BELIEVES SOME SYNTHESIS OF THE SOVIET AND AMERICAN VIEWPOINTS IS POSSIBLE.

13. YESTERDAY'S NEW TIMES EDITORIAL ALSO SPOKE OF THE POSSIBILITY OF COMPROMISE, BUT IT SEIZED ON A RECENT STATEMENT OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S THAT HE SAW NO REASON

TO OFFER NEW U.S. PROPOSALS, AND IT SAID THAT THE  
SOVIET SIDE, BY CONTRAST, "DOES NOT REFUSE TO COM-  
PROMISE ON A MUTUAL BASIS." CHRISTOPHER

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